

Isnag language

Isnag (also called *Isneg*) is a language spoken by around 40,000 Isnag people of Apayao Province in the Cordillera Administrative Region in the northern Philippines. Around 85% of Isnag are capable of reading the Isnag language. Many Isnag speakers also speak Ilocano.

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Dialects

Ethnologue lists the following dialects of Isnag.

- Bayag
- Dibagat-Kabugao
- Calanasan
- Karagawan (Daragawan)
- Talifugu-Ripang (Tawini)

Alternate names for Isnag include Apayao, Dibagat-Kabugao-Isneg, Isneg, and Maragat (*Ethnologue*).

Isnag is spoken in the northern two thirds of Apayao Province, Cagayan Province (Claveria and Santa Praxedes municipalities), Abra Province, and Ilocos Norte Province, and scattered areas along the Apayao western border (*Ethnologue*).

The closely related Adasen (Addasen, Addasen Tinguian, Itneg Adasen) language, which consists of western and eastern dialects, is spoken in northeastern Abra Province and into western Apayao Province. There are 4,000 speakers (*Ethnologue*).

Sounds

Isnag is also one of the Philippine languages which is excluded from [r]-[d] allophone.

Isnag	
Isneg	
Native to	Philippines
Region	most parts of Apayao province, northern parts of Abra, Luzon
Native speakers	(30,000–40,000 cited 1994) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian - Malayo-Polynesian - Philippine - Northern Luzon - Cagayan Valley Isnag
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: isd – Isnag tiu – Adasen Itneg
Glottolog	isna1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/isna1241) Isnag ^[2] adas1235 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/adas1235) Adasen ^[3]
Linguasphere	31-CCA-a (http://linguasphere.info/?page=linguascale&linguacode=31-CCA-a) incl. inner units 31-CCA-aa...-ae

Language sample

- Isnag: Mahi indo' tada ngamin ta ngamin tada ay magwawwáhi, ta ya pahin indo' kiya isa tulay ay maggayát ke Dios. --1 Juan 4:7
 - Approximate English Translation: Friends, let us love each other, because love comes from God. --1 John 4:7
- Isnag: Day-dayáwan tada nge Dios, nga Dios se Ama naya Apu tada nga Jesu-Cristo. --1 Pedro 1:3
 - Approximate English Translation: Praise God, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ. --1 Peter 1:3

Historical sound changes

The Proto-Malayo-Polynesian schwa ə has merged to /a/ such as *qatəp > *atap* (roof) similar to Kapampangan, *atip* in Tagalog and *atup* in Visayan.^[4]

Area where Isnag (including Adasen Isneg) is spoken according to Ethnologue

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External links

- Listen to a sample of Adasen from Global Recordings Network (<http://globalrecordings.net/langcode/tiu>)

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